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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR FOSTERING THAI-MALAYSIAN NARCOTICS  
COOPERATION

REF: SONGKHLA 143, KUALA LUMPUR 2572

1. POLICE MAJOR GENERAL PAIROJ PUSANAVAYIN, THE REGIONAL  
COMMANDER OF THE BORDER PATROL POLICE IN SOUTHERN THAILAND,  
AND JERRY LIEW, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MALAYSIAN POLICE  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE  
TO A MEETING IN PENANG TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF HEROIN  
REFINERIES REPORTEDLY LOCATED ALONG THE THAI-MALAYSIAN  
BORDER, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIONS AGAINST  
THESE LABS (REFTELS). THE MEETING IS ONE OF WHAT WE HOPE  
WILL BE A SERIES OF STEPS RESULTING IN BETTER COORDINATION  
BETWEEN THAI AND MALAYSIAN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNITS.

2. FOSTERING SUCH COOPERATION IS A CONCERN BECAUSE OF  
THE GROWING NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN SOUTHERN THAILAND AND  
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NORTHERN MALAYSIA. UNCONFIRMED INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE  
THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REFINERIES IN THE SOUTHERN THAI PROVINCES  
AND NORTHERN MALAYSIA. TRAFFICKERS GENERALLY EXPLOIT THE DISTRUST  
AND LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THAI AND MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS  
TO THEIR ADVANTAGE AND THE NARCOTICS SITUATION, WHILE MURKY,  
REMAINS ONE OF CONTINUING CONCERN, GIVEN THE INADEQUACY OF  
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE SOUTH.

3. IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH DEA SONGKHLA HAS PROPOSED THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN THE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EFFORT IN THE AREA, SUCH AS THE BPP, THE ROYAL THAI NAVY, THE ROYAL THAI ARMY, THE HIGHWAY POLICE, CUSTOMS AND OTHERS, MEET WITH THEIR COUNTER-PARTS FROM NORTHERN MALAYSIA FOR SEVERAL DAYS AT SOME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT PLACE, SUCH AS PENANG. THE OBJECT OF THE MEETINGS WOULD BE TO DEVELOP FAMILIARITY BETWEEN THE OFFICIALS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER, AND ALSO TO OUTLINE A 90 TO 120 DAY PROGRAM OF INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD NECESSITATE FREQUENT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE IS A LONG WAY FROM BECOMING A REALITY, BUT THE IDEA HAS BEEN BROACHED WITH THAI OFFICIALS IN THE SOUTH, AND IN BANGKOK WITH POLICE MAJOR GENERAL PHAO SARASIN, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER. SOUTHERN THAI OFFICIALS HAVE REACTED FAVORABLY, WHILE IN BANGKOK THE REACTION HAS NEITHER BEEN PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE, NOR COMPLETELY DISCOURAGING. THE MEETING BETWEEN PAIROT AND LIEW MAY FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROSPECTS FOR ACTUALLY CONVENING SUCH A MEETING.

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